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## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITY CONTROL

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### THE ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

#### Senate Bill 890: AAC TELECOMMUTING

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#### TESTIMONY OF COMMISSIONER ANTHONY PALERMINO

The Department of Public Utility Control (Department) would like to comment on Senate Bill No. 890. Senate Bill No. 890 would require the Department in consultation with the Department of Economic Development as well as with the broadband Internet Council, to establish a public-private partnership to facilitate and to promote a state-wide high speed internet initiative. While the Department lauds the goals of proposed bill 890, it does not believe the bill goes beyond the preliminary steps of mapping and coordination of relevant entities to produce the tangible results the state should be focused on considering the national attention this issue has been receiving of late.

The Department recommends the Committee pursue this important issue through the House sponsored bill No. 6426 for a more concrete approach to improve broadband access in the State.

The Department appreciates this opportunity to testify and is available for any further questions.